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1. AT LUNCH FOR AMBASSADOR FARKAS MAY 14, LUXEMBOURG PERM REP
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CABINET) ARGUES STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF PRAGMETIC, CASE-BY-CASE

APPROACH TO US-EC NINE CONSULTATIONS. THEY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE PRINCIPLES AND MODALITIES OF CONSULTATIONS IN ABSTRACT TERMS WOULD BE UNPROFITABLE. WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRACTICE OF CONSULTATION BUILT ON CONCRETE CASES.

2. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, THE VISIT TO THE COMMISSION OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER SOARES CAME UP (REFTELS A AND B). EUROPEANS FELT THAT THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WOULD SOON BE APPROACHING THE EC, FOR BOTH ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REASONS, TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON A GREEK/TURKISH-TYPE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS INEVITABLE INVOLVEMENT OF THE EC IN PORTUGAL'S ORIENTATION AND THE COMMON INTEREST WITH THE US IN A STABLE, DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN PORTUGAL, AMBASSADOR DONDELINGER AND THE OTHERS CONSIDERED FUTURE RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL TO BE AN IDEAL SUBJECT FOR US-EC NINE CONSULTATION. THEY URGED THAT THE US TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN PROPOSING SUCH CONSULTATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT WITH THE NINE AT AN EARLY STAGE OF FORMULATION OF US POLICY TOWARD THE NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT.

4. IN RESPONSE TO COUNTER-ARGUMENTS THAT IT WOULD BE EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE EUROPEANS TO SHOW THEIR GOOD WILL ON THE CONSULTATION ISSUE BY PROPOSING CONSULTATIONS, THEY FELL BACK ON THE INABILITY OF THE EC NINE TO PULL THEMSELVES TOGETHER ENOUGH TO TAKE SUCH AN INITIATIVE. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES ABOUT WHO TAKES THE INITIATIVE REMAINED, IT WAS AGREED THAT PORTUGAL MIGHT BE THE MOST LOGICAL AND IMMEDIATE CASE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW APPROACH TO US-EC CONSULTATIONS (PARA 5 BONN 07709 AND PARIS 11631). GREENWALD

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